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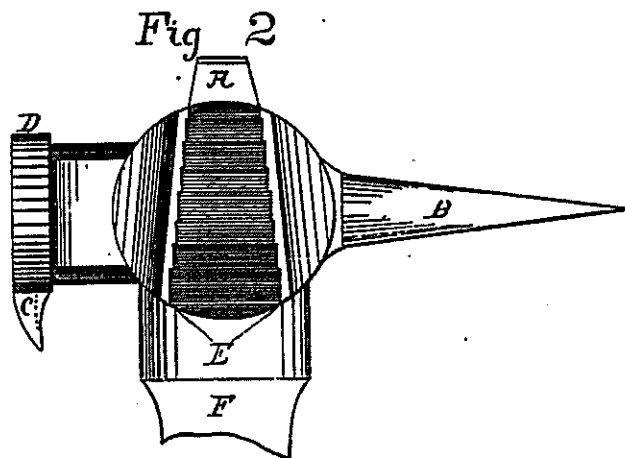
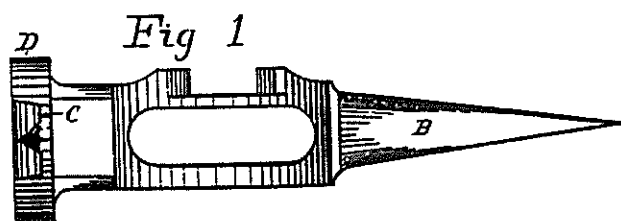
Tools of the Rocky Mountain Region

(No Model.)

D. LAUSTER.
COMBINATION TOOL.

No. 358,862.

Patented Mar. 8, 1887.



Attest
John Meyer
F. Braun

Inventor
David Lauster
by R. M. McDermott
his Atty

The tool put forth by David Lauster of Denver, was a "new and useful Compound Tool ...". His invention sought to bring about improvements in compound tools, and combine in one simple, cheap, and convenient instrument a hammer, a coal or ice pick, an alligator-wrench, a claw and a screwdriver. He went on to describe the main feature of his invention was a breaker for soft coal. The projection B was particularly adapted for that purpose, and having demonstrated practically, and found that, instead of breaking the coal into waste or dust, it separates large lumps into small ones, such as are required for use. When Mr. Lauster submitted this application for patent, he was a resident of Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado.

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Elections 2000

The nomination form for the 2000 Rocky Mountain Tool Collectors Officer Elections is enclosed in this month's newsletter. The offices to be filled include President (01-02), Vice-President (01-02), Secretary (01), Treasurer (01) and Director (01-03). The forms must be returned to the Election Committee chairman, Steve Scruggs, no later than May 15th, 2000. You may also e-mail your nomination form to Steve at his e-mail address provided on the form. Please take this chance and participate in your club!

-Dan Kimpton

Fund in the Sun

Limon Heritage Society and Depot Museum and Railroad Park
Saturday, August 5, 2000, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Limon Heritage Society and Depot Museum has again asked our group to demonstrate or display our antique tools. They will allow us to SELL any type of antiques if we provide a display or give a demonstration.

They will provide:

- Large Community Tent (or we can provide our own)
- "Display" tables
- Free Lunch
- Advertising/News Releases in 35 Plains and Front Range cities Radio and TV
- Filing sales tax

They will offer:

- Selling tables if you don't bring your own at \$10 each (their cost)
- Reduced rate at the MidWest Country Inn at \$40 per single or double room

This is their 91st annual fund raising event. It means a lot to and for their museum and is well attended, especially from the plains cities and Colorado Springs area.

Many other family activities are planned during the course of the day such as horse carriage rides, a pioneer costume contest, bake sale, tour of the city, tea at a local historical home, band concert and story tellers, etc.

To reserve a room or to find out more information on this event, call or write:

Vivian or Harold Lowe (RMTC Members)
PO Box 550, 795 Main St.
Limon, CO 80828
(719) 775-2373

To reserve a demo or display area and sale space/table, call Grace Goss at (970) 962-9943.

Many RMTC members have participated in the past and have found the day extremely satisfying.

The deadline for ordering tables or reduced rate lodging is July 20, 2000.

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A Message from the President:

New Year

So far it's been a great new year with the weather cooperating at the time the meetings have been held. Finding new items to collect are getting harder to find every year but they are still out there to be discovered. I hope everyone is enjoying this year as much as I have.

New Changes

As you probably know by now Cliff Fales has resigned as editor of the Shavings, Sawdust and Splinters, but is continuing as secretary of RMTC. Fortunately we have an able and ready replacement. Dan Kimpton has jumped right in with both feet and is ready to assume these responsibilities. As you know, Dan has been compiling and sending out the meeting announcements for some time now. Thanks a lot to Dan for all you do.

Thanks

We all need to show our appreciation for the good work Steve Butti has done on the membership directory. I also think Grace Goss needs some recognition for the directory plus the Treasury duties. Now that Cliff is stepping down we owe him a BIG thanks for all the years he put the news letter out. I'm sure there are many more people that deserve thanks but these folks mentioned have gone way beyond the call of duty.

Annual Meeting

The location for this year's meeting has been chosen. It will be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Lakewood, Colorado off of Highway 6. It will be held on Sunday, September 3rd, Labor Day weekend, so put that on your calendar. Think Sunday rather than Saturday.

Plea

We need your help. It has been brought to my attention that we aren't being very considerate of our hosts. People are coming earlier and earlier to the meetings. When the people that have control of the building are told the meeting starts at 12 noon then that should be when we expect to enter the building and begin setting up their displays and sales tables. The only people that should be in the building earlier are the Host's setting up the food. So then at 12 they can set up their tools. So I'm asking you, unless the host invites you to come early, please don't go in before 12 noon at the general meetings. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome, New Members

Ted Walton (Cheyenne, WY)
Tom Stallings (Albuquerque, NM)
Arnold Silverman (Denver, CO)
Galen McLaughlin (Chickasha, OK)
Bryan Macheel (Golden, CO)
Wayne Hancock (Mountain View, CO)
Dennis Gribble (Estes Park, CO)
Walter Goltol (Evergreen, CO)
Tom Freed (Evergreen, CO)
Charles Fiske ((Evergreen, CO)
Richard Becker (Albuquerque, NM)

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RMTC membership
now totals 200

I would like to include pictures or photographs of meetings or members and their tools and displays. If you get the pictures to me, I will include as many as I can in future issues of **SHAVINGS, SAWDUST & SPLINTERS**.

This blank space would be a fine location for a picture!

- editor

January Colorado Area Meeting

January 9th

Seventh Day Adventist Church, Arvada

By Dan Kimpton

As I remember it, the Arvada meeting was another great affair for all those attending. For the second year, it was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, which has ample room for our ever expanding membership. With the large space, many tables were filled with both sale items and displays with plenty of room to move around.

I was all in a daze after having accepted the editorship of this publication, the *SHAVINGS, SAWDUST and SPLINTERS*, from Cliff Fales early in the afternoon. Not realizing the magnitude of the responsibilities I had just acquired, I failed to take notes of the wonderful displays that members had taken the time to put together. For those of you who did, thank you very much!

What I do remember, was the spread put together by the hosts. Doc Loyd, Stan McAlister, Greg Mikulewicz, and Bill Morrison had food enough for everyone including those tasty sausages Greg is becoming know for.

A wonderful slide show was put together by Bill Baker of the 1999 Area J Mid-West Tool Collectors meeting along with a local coopearge that Bill visited while in the area. Many thanks Bill!



USELESS INFORMATION

Paul Revere, noted revolutionist, lists his occupation as a goldsmith. Most of us think of him as a silversmith with his famous coin silver Revere bowls and table ware. Paul was also a noted bell maker but was most successful in his golden years by inventing and developing copper rolling mills. His sheets of copper covered church steeples, became siding and boiler plates for our first navy, and copper clad cookware that still carries his name today.

- provided by Grace Goss

A Call for Book Reviewers:

Astragal Press, a major publisher of books on old tools and trades, is making available 2 new books to our club for review. We would like to have a review on each book to include in the next issue of *SHAVINGS, SAWDUST and SPLINTERS*. The following two books are now available:

American Level Patents Illustrated and Explained, Volume I, New England, by Don Rosebrook

The book includes:

- 210 level patents
- illustrations and explanations of the major and continuing contributions of L.L. Davis, Justus Traut, the Stratton Bros., and L.S. Starrett, among others.
- A brief history of the patentees
- Information on how and when patents were used
- The progression of "improvements" in patent concepts over time.
- Useful information for identifying mystery levels.

From Forge & Anvil, text by Candace Leslie, photographs by Diane Hopkins-Hughs

This book tells the story of Erich Riesel's life, that of a German immigrant and Texas ranch hand who had a talent as an ornamental ironworker. Discovered by two oilmen who were establishing handsome retreats in the Texas Hill Country, he endowed their properties with beautiful ornamental works that have continued to evoke imagination. The second part of the book is filled with black and white photographs, giving the viewer a wealth of information about Riesel's art.

These books are graciously made available by the folks at ASTRAGAL PRESS. Your review will be included in the next *SHAVINGS, SAWDUST & SPLINTERS* for all to benefit from. Contact Dan Kimpton.

March Colorado Area Meeting

March 5th

Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood

By Dan Kimpton

RMTC has been having a Spring meeting at Red Rocks Community College for as many years as I've been a member. Every year, it also seems like a whole new adventure finding the Construction Technology Center. This past March the search for the meeting location was made doubly hard by all of the new construction in the area. For those members and guests that did make it, the extent of the tools, displays and demonstration were well worth the tribulations finding the meeting.

The hosts Fred Bergman, John Caroline, Dave Ferrand and Ray Peterson did a fabulous job of organizing the event and providing the food that kept us all from going hungry for at least another day or so. The brownies were melt-in-your-mouth wonderful as many people can attest! Thank you to the hosts for doing what you did.

Don Jordan provided a great presentation on the development of the Stanley circular planes. He described in detail the attributes for use and collectability of the many circular planes that carried the Stanley name over the years. People say that money and politics permeate everything and that was even true in the early days. Stanley purchased other companies providing similar products simply to remove the competition. Don had many different circular plane models from his collection to show the differences he described.

Bruce Cohen then provided a demonstration of the use of the circular plane. Bruce showed how he used the plane in his work and even had a portfolio of his previous custom work showing some examples. A few adventurous souls took Bruce up on his offer to try out the tool. I'm not sure if anyone can make it look as easy as Bruce did and his pictures attest to.

As happened during the January meeting in Arvada, I failed to take specific note of the displays provided by the members. For all of you who did take the time, your efforts were appreciated by the attendees.

April Colorado Area Meeting

April 9th

Alton Johnson's Place, Loveland

By Dan Kimpton

We were treated to a new venue for the second RMTC meeting in the Loveland area in less than six months. Alton Johnson offered up his spread northwest of Loveland on a fine Spring afternoon. If the drive up through the pretty country wasn't enough, Alton's collections were enough to make any collector's mouth water. He has a collection of motor scooters, juke boxes, peddle cars, soldering tools, old bikes, some cars, you name it. He even has an entire soda fountain set up in his ample garage/barn replete with the stamped tin ceiling.

As at most of the RMTC meetings, food was never in short supply. The hosts provided the nourishment which many of the members partook while sitting at tables in the "soda fountain". I didn't stick around to add to my girth, but Alton said he was even going to provide ice cream cones to whoever wanted one. Now that must be a first for the club!

Along with Alton Johnson, we appreciate the other co-hosts who helped put this together. Buz Engleman, Ralph Hartman, Kieth Mitchell and Phil Teeter deserve our collective thanks.

The weather was so nice that many of the tables were set up outside for the sales and horse-tradin. The auction tables set up inside provided a new format I hadn't seen in the past at any of our meetings. The silent auction table was filled with tools from members. For those of you that haven't been round a silent auction before, you can walk around and mark your bid on the sheet provided by each item. The bidding closes at a specified time, and the highest bid on the sheet at closing time gets the item. The member whose tool it is can make a minimum bid to get the ball rolling. If you like this type of auction, please tell John Gilmore or the other officers, and we can continue this in the future. There was also a more typical member's auction held later in the afternoon.

Alton even got a couple of his neighbors involved in the event that afternoon. One of them had an old lathe he was looking for information on, and the other neighbors just came by to see. Maybe by them seeing what fun we all have, our ranks will swell by a few more! Thanks Alton!!!!